

Indiana Department of Environmental Management Office of Water Quality Wetlands Section

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Closing Date: July 1, 2009

To all interested parties:

This letter shall serve as a formal notice of the receipt of an application for Section 401 Water Quality Certification by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). The purpose of the notice is to inform the public of active applications submitted for water quality certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1341) and to solicit comments and information on any impacts to water quality related to the proposed project. IDEM will evaluate whether the project complies with Indiana's water quality standards as set forth at 327 IAC 2.

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3. Project location: SE ¼ of Section 2, Township 37 North, Range 5 West, Michigan City West U.S.G.S. Quad.

Small structure replacement over Brown Ditch under US 20 0.4 mile east of SR 520 in Porter County

4. Affected waterbody: Brown Ditch

5. Project Description: The applicant proposes to replace the existing structure that carries US 20 over Brown Ditch. The existing

structure is a 57 feet long, 12 ft span x 13 ft rise concrete box culvert. The proposed structure is a 110 feet long, 16 ft span x 10 ft rise concrete box culvert. Minor reshaping of the stream at both ends of the new culvert will be required and will temporarily impact 0.025 acre of emergent wetland. Rip rap will be placed for 45 linear feet upstream and 20 linear feet down stream of the new structure. No compensatory mitigation is proposed.

Comment period:

Any person or entity who wishes to submit comments or information relevant to the aforementioned project may do so by the closing date noted above. Only comments or information related to water quality or potential impacts of the project on water quality can be considered by IDEM in the water quality certification review process.

Public Hearing:

Any person may submit a written request that a public hearing be held to consider issues related to water quality in connection with the project detailed in this notice. The request for a hearing should be submitted within the comment period to be considered timely. The request should also state the reason for the public hearing as specifically as possible to assist IDEM in determining whether a public hearing is warranted.

Questions?

Additional information may be obtained from Mr. Jared Sanders, Project Manager, at 317-234-6352. Please address all correspondence to the project manager and reference the IDEM project identification number listed on this notice. Indicate if you wish to receive a copy of IDEM's final decision. Written comments and inquiries may be forwarded to -

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